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WRITTEN EX PARTE

Ms Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 92-105

Dear Ms. Dortch:

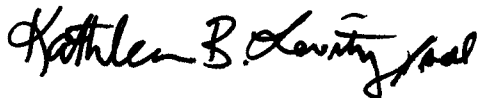
On October 2, 2002, BellSouth filed its Second 911 Dialing First Transition Report, as required by Commission Order under Docket 92-105. At that time BellSouth reported that it had taken the steps required to deliver 911 calls and was in fact delivering all 911 calls that enter the BellSouth network to either a designated PSAP or to an appropriate local emergency authority in all but three of the counties served by BellSouth in its nine-state region. The letter explained that, despite repeated efforts to do so, BellSouth had been unable to identify the appropriate local emergency authority in Perry County, Alabama, Catahoula Parish and Red River Parish in Louisiana and had begun the process of seeking assistance from the Governors of Alabama and Louisiana in designating an entity to receive 911 calls in those jurisdictions. BellSouth committed to advising the Commission of the status of its efforts no later than October 25, 2002. This letter is filed to meet that commitment.

As of October 25, 2002, BellSouth has taken all steps necessary to transfer 911 calls dialed in Perry County Alabama to that county's sheriff's office. In Louisiana, however, BellSouth has delayed similar action at the request of the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC"), which the Louisiana Governor's Office has designated as the central point of contact for 911 in that state. In a letter dated October 14, 2002, the Executive Director of the LPSC explained that because of emergency recovery efforts that it had to undertake following Hurricanes Isidore and Lili, the LPSC needed additional time to determine which entity should be designated to receive 911 calls dialed in Red River Parish and

Catahoula Parish. The Executive Director did commit, however, to resolve the matter no later than November 13, 2002. I have attached a copy of his letter to this filing. Based on these facts, BellSouth commits to advise the Commission on the status of the two Louisiana parishes no later than November 14, 2002.

Please call me if, after reviewing this report, you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen B. Levitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kathleen B. Levitz

Attachment

cc: Louise Klees-Wallace

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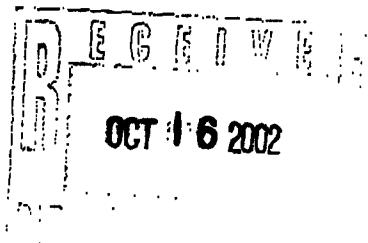
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October 14, 2002



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**RE: Routing of 911 calls for Red River Parish and Catahoula Parish under
implementation of FCC Order in CC DOCKET 92-105**

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 9, 2002 requesting the assistance of the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") in connection with implementation of the requirements of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 in Red River and Catahoula Parishes in Louisiana. I also plan to follow up on my discussions on that date with Bonnie Eades and Vicky McHenry concerning this matter.

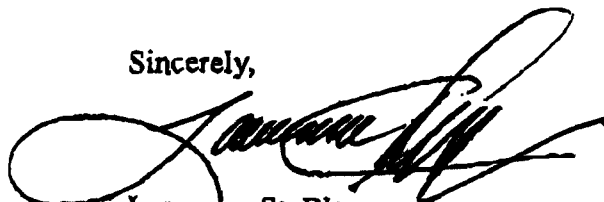
You are correct that the Governor's Office has designated the LPSC as the central point of contact for 911 in the state of Louisiana. As such, the LPSC acknowledges and understands the importance of its role in attempting to resolve the existing problems regarding delivery of 911-dialed calls in Red River and Catahoula Parishes. The LPSC has every intention of working with you and the affected parishes to resolve this problem as quickly as possible. As you know, however, many areas of the state have been seriously damaged by Hurricanes Isidore and Lili, and this Commission, acting in its capacity as the central point of contact for 911, has been working 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Emergency Operations Center ("EOC") and responding to requests for help from local emergency officials regarding utility service outages. Due to the unusual work load, we must request an additional 20 days, or until Friday, November 13, 2002 to contact and work with Red River and Catahoula Parishes to establish an appropriate local emergency authority for those areas.

Additionally, this Commission has received several inquiries from both the media and officials at Red River Parish concerning the intent of the FCC's Order. They questioned (1) whether or not it was the FCC's intent for Red River Parish to proceed with a referendum wherein the residents would be allowed to vote on a fully operational 911 Center in their Parish and (2) if so, who would be required to pay the costs associated with the required personnel, service and equipment necessary to operate such a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)? Please share with us your understanding of the FCC's Order in this regard?

We understand that time is of the essence and assure you that we will work with you to resolve any problems as soon as possible. We are also more than willing to contact the FCC directly in order to assure them that we intend to deal with this matter expeditiously and, in no event, later than November 13th.

We will be contacting you in the near future to discuss further resolution of these issues.

Sincerely,



Lawrence St. Blanc
Secretary

Cc: Commissioner Don Owen
Commissioner Dale Sittig